

Report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December 1946 was estimated to be 498,000, comprising 257,500 males and 240,500 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	No.	1947	JANUARY		12 months ended	
			1946	1946	DECEMBER	1945
Marriages	..	527	396	5,171	3,788	
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	12.45	9.47	10.47	7.73
Births	..	No.	1,380	927	12,105	10,672
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	32.59	22.18	24.50	21.78
Deaths	..	No.	374	437	4,753	4,712
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	8.83	10.45	9.62	9.62
Infant Mortality	No.	33	39	376	315	
" "	Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.91	42.07	31.06	29.52	

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -

Tuberculosis	17	14	171	163
Cancer	41	60	549	564
Influenza	-	2	15	14
Diphtheria	-	2	11	20
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	36	46	397	436
Arteriosclerosis	18	8	173	175
Diseases of the Heart	97	110	1,300	1,329
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	26	30	321	287
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	5	28	45
Nephritis	12	14	170	214
Diseases of Early Infancy	19	20	207	177
Senility	13	8	122	151
Accidents	23	37	301	248
All Other Causes	69	81	988	889
TOTAL	374	437	4,753	4,712

*Equivalent Annual Rate

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of February totalled 24,840 acres, an increase of 2,295 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 711,215 acres, an increase of 708,500 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,152,756	1,143,139	8,905,019	8,581,496
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.6.2d.	£2.6.5d.	£17.18.5d.	£17.9.4d.
Expenditure ..	1,145,256	1,120,607	9,609,166	9,416,664
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.5.11d.	£2.5.6d.	£19.6.9d.	£19.3.4d.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 28th February amounted to £36,541,295, or £73.2.6d. per head of population, as against £37,452,412, or £76.0.2d. per head as at the 28th February last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

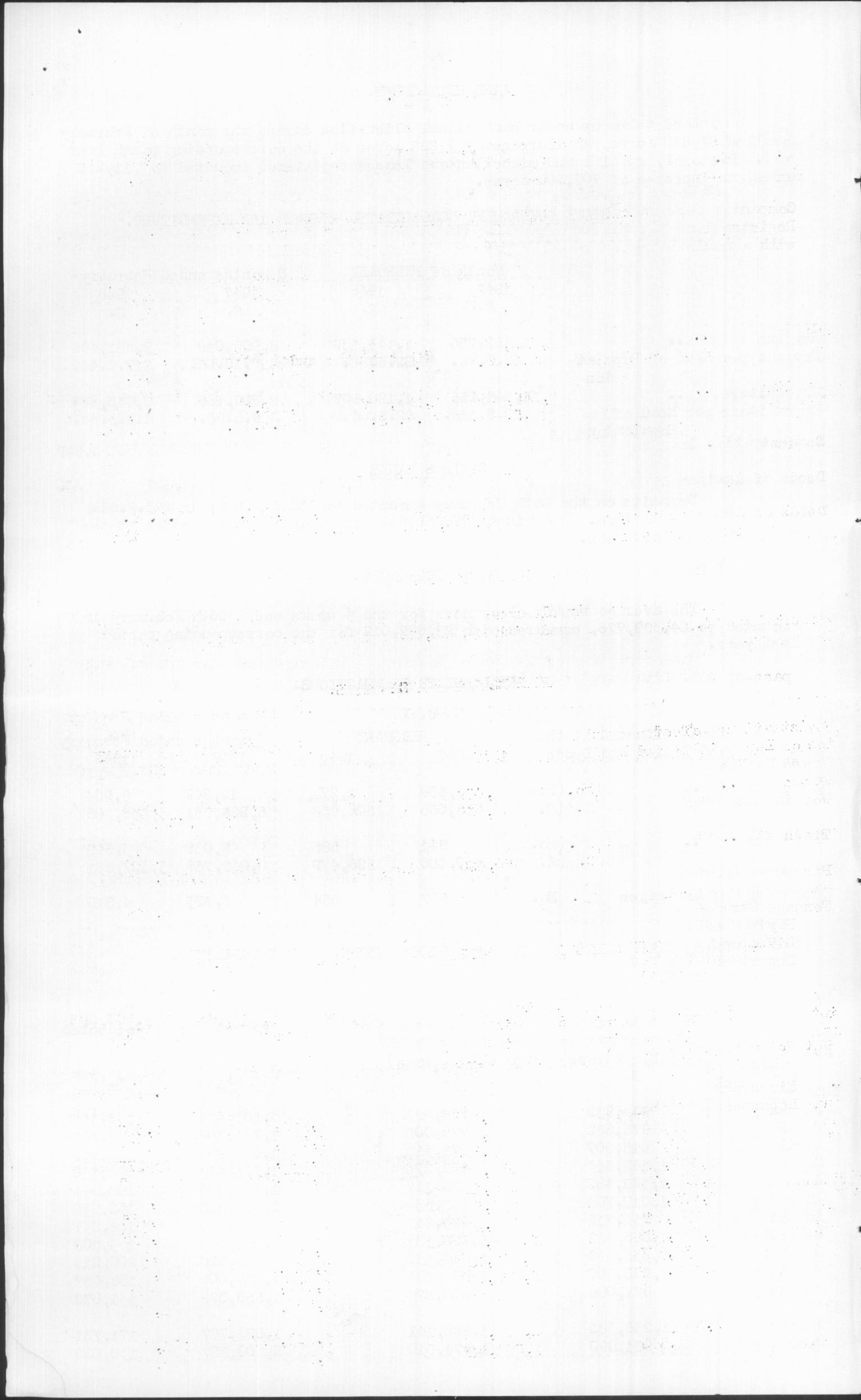
The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th February 1947 amounted to £4,399,776, compared with £3,662,012 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Transfers ..	(No. 1,459 £. 735,055)	1,271 506,858	12,249 6,228,931	8,964 3,835,606
Mortgages ..	(No. 841 £. 850,456)	585 526,479	7,036 6,042,756	3,549 3,127,631
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 737	654	6,323	4,816

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods	Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)	£.
	£.	£.	£.
1946 -			
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072
1947 -			
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827
			171,721
			130,422



COMPANIES REGISTERED

62 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,222,000, and 31 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended 28th February 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 30 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £620,100 and 17 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

Eight months ended February						
	1947		1946			
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	15	12,871	3,523	8	16,281	6,259
Deeds of Assignment (a)	7	12,327	9,023	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow:-

	JANUARY		7 months ended January		
	1947	1946	1947	1946	
Gross Earnings	£.	377,000	352,900	2,291,200	2,359,100
Working Expenses	£.	359,135	343,732	2,453,428	2,341,996
Train miles run		611,536	561,872	3,749,937	3,642,277
Passenger Journeys		1,010,269	1,483,914	7,694,254	9,788,744
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		232,729	232,695	1,292,989	1,421,735
Livestock		13,407	11,606	93,452	86,333
Departmental (Free Freight)		39,568	37,907	295,469	265,615
Total		285,704	282,208	1,681,910	1,773,683
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		31,352,981	30,620,318	178,763,913	182,864,129
Livestock		1,625,998	1,381,678	11,854,933	10,021,056
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,014,418	5,652,886	46,941,184	38,694,758
Total		38,993,397	37,654,882	237,560,030	231,579,943

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
Year 1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
1947 -								
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
February	95	38	1	65	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,367	244	5,109
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	30,777	27,920	304	7,332
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - FEBRUARY	89	383	5	3

T R A D E

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - January 1947 and 1946, and 7 months ended January 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian currency. :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	7 months ended		7 months ended		(Including Ships' Stores)		7 months ended	
	JANUARY	January	JANUARY	January	JANUARY	January	JANUARY	January
	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)
Overseas	959	705	5,369	3,072	2,265	1,455	11,757	8,524
Interstate	2,510	1,040	12,217	8,996	604	526	2,171	4,719
TOTAL	3,469	1,745	17,586	12,068	2,869	1,981	13,928	13,243

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
February 1947	115	131,942	11	15,515	208	30,061	334	177,518
February 1946	96	86,923	6	2,823	207	12,384	309	102,130
8 months ended February 1947	1150	1,278,540	77	82,740	1,790	264,837	3017	1,626,117
8 months ended February 1946	715	575,915	38	32,364	1,546	200,984	2299	809,263

*Including dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme, except those for construction in South Perth Road District or by Public Works Department.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
February 1947	20	15,230	-	-	30	5,151	50	20,381
February 1946	18	13,179	4	668	29	3,464	51	17,311
8 months ended February 1947	192	157,408	25	9,474	329	36,712	546	203,594
8 months ended February 1946	122	87,541	21	7,597	251	21,874	394	117,012

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

929,700 lbs. were produced during January and 11,010,787 lbs. for the seven months ended January 1947, as against 882,681 lbs. and 10,582,353 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

Quantity	Fine Oz.	2 months ended February			
		FEBRUARY		1947	1946
		1947	1946		
Quantity	..	52,086	37,523	114,831	79,994
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	560,576	403,846	1,235,874	860,945

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the two months ended February 1947 amounted to £82,812. No dividends were reported during the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan	1064	1065	1056	1059
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1195	1199	1189	1191
Northam	1079	1078	1071	1068
Bunbury	1062	1062	1055	1046
Geraldton	1088	1088	1080	1082
Collie	1078	1080	1070	1071

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b)				
	(Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					(Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	146	165	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148		861	824	868	1016	
March	132	139	144	152		846	825	877	1045	
April	134	139	144	153		835	827	876	1051	
May	131	140	144	155		836	832	891	1069	
June	135	139	145	157		835	829	903	1087	
July	136	140	145(a)	159		828	832	899	1096	
August	136	140	144	160		814	832	897	1109	
September	137	140	141	161		806	834	914	1114	
October	138	140	141	164		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	144	163		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	144	163		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,306	15,281	130,269	123,510
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	14,201	12,866	111,247	104,587

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep		Pigs	
			No.	No.	No.	No.
FEBRUARY 1947			4,709	303	71,288	12,119
FEBRUARY 1946			3,889	183	42,281	13,850
2 months ended February 1947			9,296	600	158,504	25,409
2 months ended February 1946			8,265	396	108,087	32,011

